

Trulicity

When you have diabetes you may be prescribed a medicine called Trulicity. To understand how it works, let's see what happens when you eat.

When you eat, your body breaks down most of the food into glucose, a form of sugar, and releases hormones that travel to your pancreas.

The glucose enters your bloodstream causing your blood glucose (or sugar) level to rise.

In response to this rise in glucose and release of hormones, the pancreas releases insulin. Insulin works like a key to open the cells and let glucose enter.

The glucose is used for energy now or it is stored in the cells for later use.

Sometimes in people with type 2 diabetes, the hormones that are released when you eat may not be enough to tell your pancreas to release the right amount of insulin.

By injecting Trulicity, your pancreas knows to release enough insulin to open the cells and remove the glucose from your bloodstream.

Trulicity is injected once a week, with or without food. Talk to your diabetes care team about the proper way to inject your medicine to ensure you are using it safely and effectively.

Before taking Trulicity, tell your doctor if you have a personal or family history of thyroid problems, kidney problems, Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia syndrome Type 2, or have ever had pancreatitis.

Some side effects may include nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, headaches, and stomach discomfort. If you experience an allergic reaction such as hives or difficulty breathing, call 911.

If you notice any swelling or a lump in your throat area while taking Trulicity, or if you experience severe stomach pain that does not go away, stop taking Trulicity and call your doctor immediately.

Proper storage will ensure your medicine will keep doing its job.

Store Trulicity in the refrigerator until use. Do not freeze your medicine.

Make sure to take Trulicity exactly as prescribed.

If you have any questions about Trulicity, ask your doctor or pharmacist for more information.